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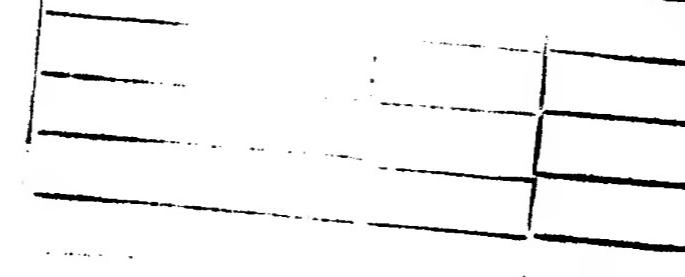
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six-page report, with three sketches, describing the armament of the two independent anti-aircraft artillery companies which were attached to the Chemical and Atomic Defense Battalion (Ónálló Végyvédelmi és Atomvédelmi Zászlóalj) at Nagytarcsa, Hungary, in December 1956. The location of the battalion is also described in detail.

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A.A. Protection of Chemical and Atomic Defence Battalion
(ONALLO VEGYVEDELMI ES ATOMVEDELMI ZASZIOALJ),
NACYTARCSA,

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1. A.A. protection is provided by two so-called independent A.A. artillery companies (ONALLO LEGUEDELMI SZAZAD) of identical strength and structure.

Each is made up as follows :-

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(a) Strength

5 commissioned officers.

10 N.C.Os.

60 O.Rs.

(b) Armaments

(i) 8 - 10 self-propelled 82 mm. A.A. guns.

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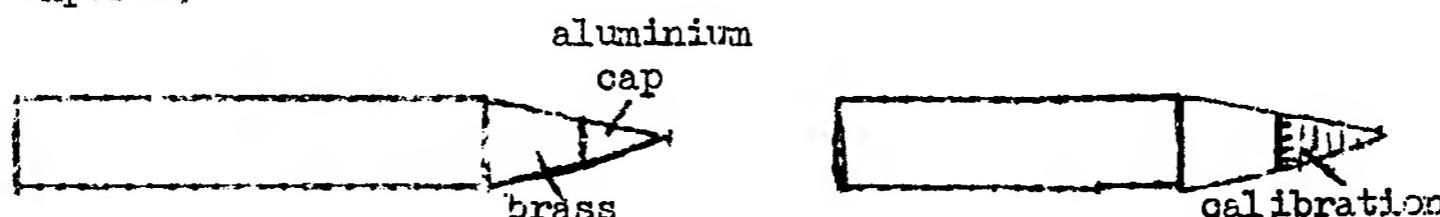
the guns were automatically

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laid by radar and maximum efficient range was about

8 - 9 Km.

(ii) The ammunition consists of 1,600 to 1,800 shells. There are two kinds of shell, one for A.A. use and the other for anti-tank use. The A.A. shell is about 100 cm. long. The protruding part of the missile is about 25 cm. long, ending in a point and half-covered with an aluminium cap, after removal of which the calibration of the time-fuse mechanism is exposed.



A.A. shell
(with aluminium cap)

A.A. shell
(cap removed)

The anti-tank shell has a round black cap protruding.



Anti-tank shell.

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The weight of the A.A. shells is about 16 Kg, each and that of the anti-tank shell about 12 Kg. The A.A. shells are packed 5 to a case, the anti-tank shells 3 to a case. The cases are painted greenish-grey and are either marked in white lettering with Cyrillic characters or not marked at all.

(o) Installations

The following permanent installations belong to each company (see sketches) :

- (i) 8 - 10 gun emplacements about 3 m. below ground level, connected with command points by covered communication trenches. These emplacements are camouflaged with nets of greenish, yellow and brownish colour.
- (ii) Ammunition dump, surrounded by 3 - 4 m.-high earth bank about 3 m. wide at ground level and tapering to about 1.5 m. at the top. The dump consists of a building about 6 x 12 m. and about 4 m. high. The walls are of straw-clay slabs and the roof is of cement tiles (ETERNIT).
- (iii) Well with electric motor-driven pump, from which water is distributed to all points.
- (iv) Main building. A hutment type of structure 25 m. long, 7 m. wide and 5 m. high, built of straw-clay slabs set in iron frames and with cement tile roof (Eternit).

The building houses the following :-

- C.O's office (3 rooms); Political Deputy's office; signals; transformer and switches; canteen and cookhouse; food store; clothing store; stores of protective clothing.
- (v) Billets. Building similar to (iv) above, measuring 20 x 7 m. and 5 m. high. There are 70 beds.
- (vi) Recreation hut. This building is identical with building (v) above and contains a lecture room, a recreation room and a library.
- (vii) Ops. H.Q. This is in underground shelters, about 3 m. deep, and connected by covered communication trenches with the gun emplacements.

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(viii) There is a network of covered communication trenches connecting each of the gun emplacements with their respective underground shelters and with their neighbouring gun emplacements, as well as with the Ops. H.Q.

2. The chemical and atomic defence battalion's motor transport in operational conditions

The area is about 1 sq. Km. There are shelters giving protection to motor transport. These shelters are not roofed in, but sufficiently deep to give full lateral cover. Each shelter has also a trench for giving protection to a crew of 4 men. The area is also widely used for exercises (Shown as No. 4 in sketch.).

3. The exercise area shown in sketch under No. 5 has a trench for protection of personnel. Its length is about 3 Kms. Its depth is 1.8 m. The width at the top is 1.2 m.

NOTE: The exercise area shown in sketch under No. 6 is possibly of interest, as it can easily be observed from road
KISTARCSA - NAGYKARCSA.

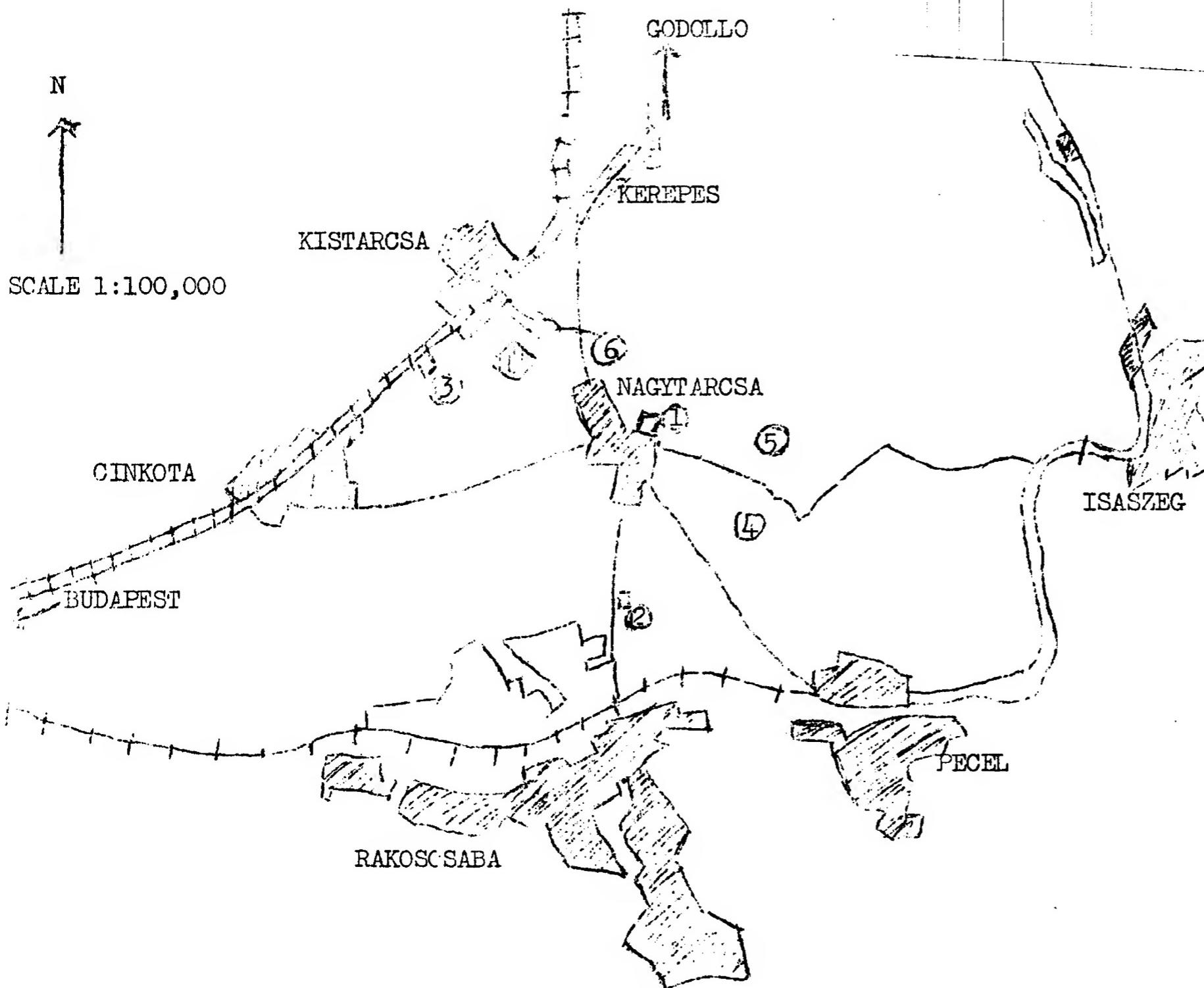
Enclosures:

Attachment "A" - Chemical Warfare Battalion

Attachment "B" - RAKOCSABA AA Company

Attachment "C" - KISTARCSA AA Company

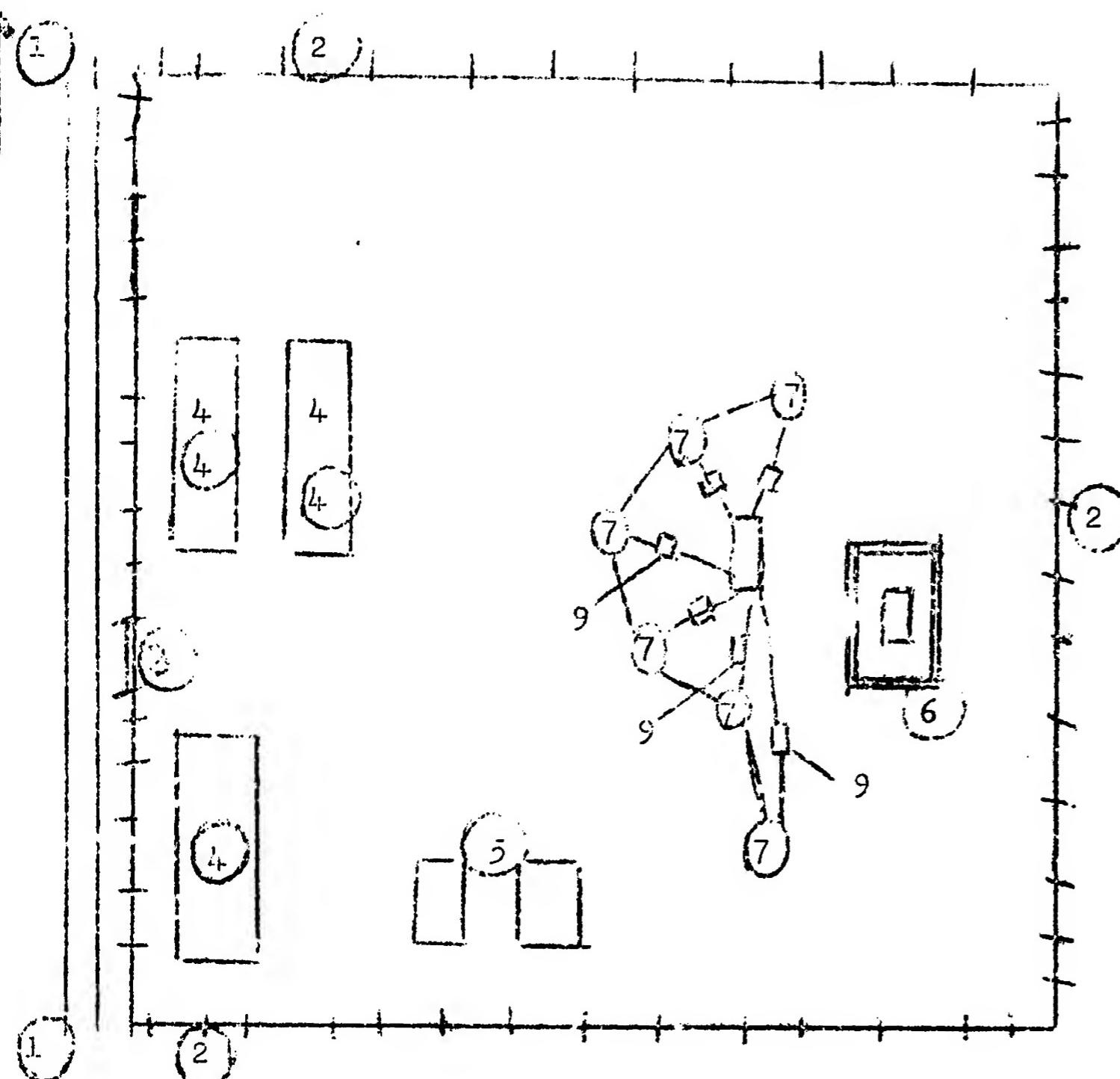
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| 1. | ONALLO VEGYVEDELMI ES ATOMVEDELMI ZASZLOALJ (Independent Chemical and Atomic Defence Battalion), NAGYTARCSA. Location at north-east border of village of NAGYTARCSA. | 25X1 |
| 2. | Independent A.A. Company (ONALLO SZAXAD), [REDACTED] of RAKOSCABA. Its task is to protect the chemical and atomic defence unit. Located along road NAGYTARCSA - RAKOSCABA about 2.5 Km. south of NAGYTARCSA. [REDACTED] | 25X1 |
| 3. | Independent A.A. Company, identical with No. 2. Location is between KISTARCSA and CINKOTA, south of the BUDAPEST - GODOLLO highway and about 500 m. south-west of the last houses of KISTARCSA. [REDACTED] | 25X1 |
| 4. | Location of Chemical and Atomic Defence Battalion's motor transport when alerted under operational conditions. Location: 2 Km. east of NAGYTARCSA, south of highway NAGYTARCSA - ISASZEG. [REDACTED] | 25X1 |
| 5. | Exercise area comprising a system of trenches. The centre of this area is located north of the highway NAGYTARCSA - ISASZEG, about 2 Km. east of NAGYTARCSA. [REDACTED] | 25X1 |
| 6. | Exercise area, about 2 km. north of NAGYTARCSA, east of road NAGYTARCSA - KISTARCSA. [REDACTED] | 25X1 |

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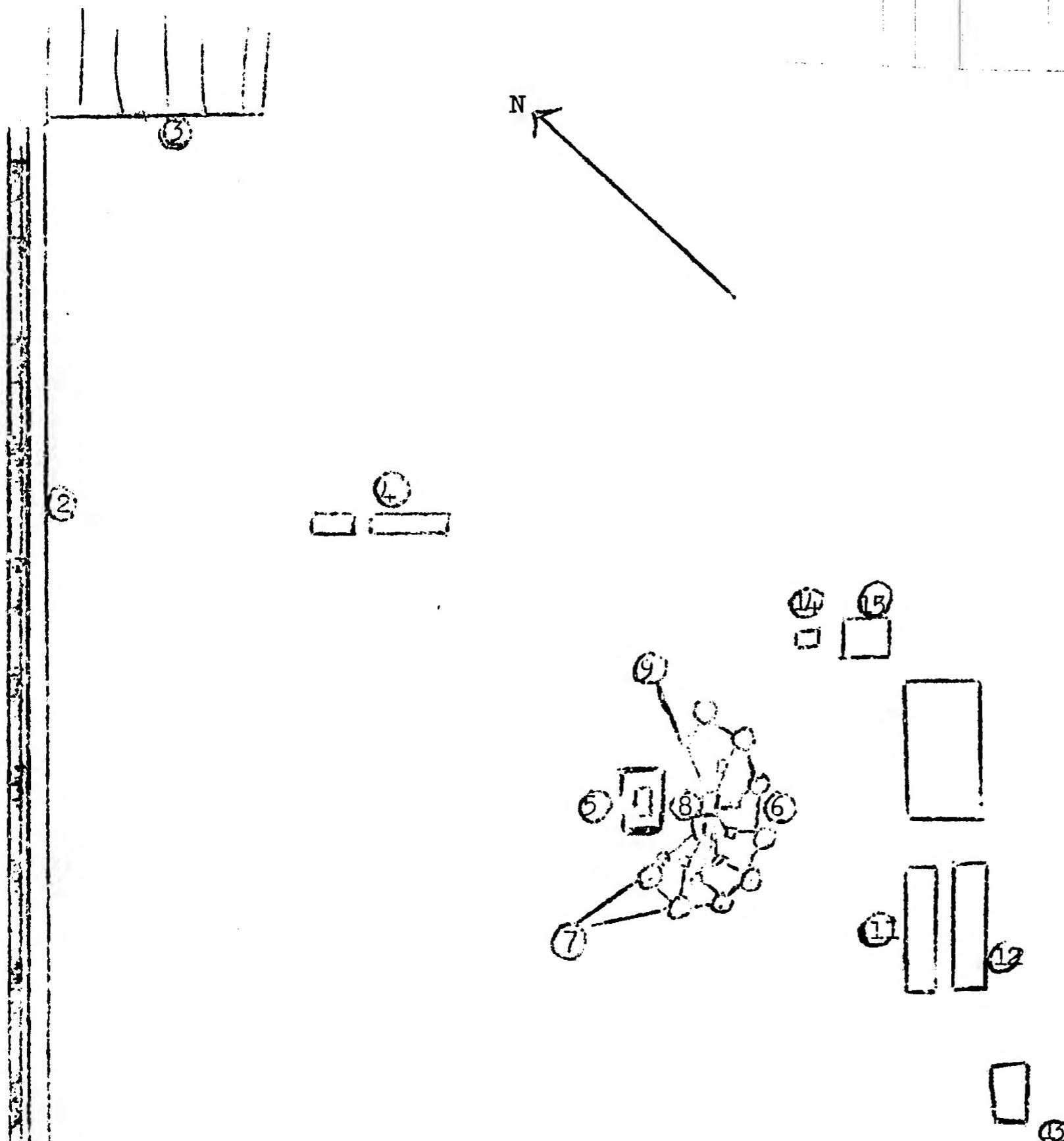
ONALLO LEGVEDELMI SZAZAD (Independent A.A. Defence Company) at RAKOSCSABA

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1. Road NAGYTARCSA - RAKOSCSABA.
2. Barbed wire fence, about 2.5 m. high.
3. Entrance gate.
4. Hutment, similar to those of A.A. Defence Company of KISTARCSA. Disposition not known.
5. Stores.
6. Ammunition dump.
7. Gun emplacements.
8. Operations H.Q.
9. Shelters for gun crews.

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ONALTO LEGUEDELMI SZAD
(Independent A.A. Company) at
KISTARCSA.

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LEGEND

1. BUDAPEST - GODOLLO Suburban Electric Railway.
2. Highway BUDAPEST - GODOLLO.
3. Perimeter of KISTARCSA.
4. Officers' billets.
5. Ammunition dump.
6. Network of trenches connecting Ops. H.Q. and gun emplacements.
7. Gun emplacements.
8. Ops. H.Q.
9. Shelters for gun crews.
10. Mair building.
11. Billets.
12. Recreation and lecture rooms.
13. Wash-house and latreens,
14. Well and water distribution pump.
15. Coal store.

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